

January 12, 1940.

Mr. John H. Glenn,
Beardstown, Illinois.

Dear Johnny:

You certainly are a swell guy and you made a great hit with the boys because your telegram was delivered just prior to the Kansas-Loyola game. You said exactly the thing that I wanted you to say. I have talked to them so much about fundamentals that I know they get tired of hearing me, but you said it at the right time and in such a way that it made a definite impression.

People who saw the Loyola game said that Loyola played the best game of the year. We had gone up on a lark so that the boys could see some shows and have a good time, so we were not so hot. But at least the people who saw the game thought our boys were rather clever and that they pulled off some exceptional shots and used some good fundamentals. I thought Loyola had some experience on the range because of the way they used their hands. I thought they were bareback riders. All shots they followed in and always placed their hands on the shoulders of the Kansas guards and jumped right up on top of the Kansas players endeavoring to bat the ball in. It certainly was a loosely officiated game, but the game was close enough so that it had the desired effect of rendering a scare and permitting the boys to come out with the game.

Now, regarding our Columbia game. We are staying at the Hotel Tiger, and I want you to know that you will eat with us and be our guest. I know how determined a fellow you are, and if you are going to feel hurt about the matter I imagine I will have to let you pay for the dinner, but I trust that you won't insist.

You have certainly endeared yourself to all the boys on the squad. They often talk about your trips last year and what a swell fellow you are. You have the faculty of mixing with the boys in such a way that you totally disarm them. They feel you are a regular fellow and interested in every success of the boys. You captivated them last year and we are looking forward to seeing you at Columbia on Thursday, January 18.